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For: MODIFYING UNDESIRABLE TASTES

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview on April 29, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003 directed to the above-identified U.S. patent application, please enter the herein response.

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are present in the instant application. No claims have been indicated to be allowable.

Claims Objections:

35 USC 103 (a)

Claims 1-18 and 19-36 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as unpatentable over Koder et al., 6,455,273 B1, Kurtz et al., 5,639,788 and Daravingas et al., 6,235,320 in view of Cherukurii et al., 5,013,716 and Blase et al., 5,409,907.

Office Action Item 1.

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Koder et al., Kurtz et al., and Daravingas et al., disclose that amino acids, protein hydrolysates, peptides and polypeptides have a bitter taste as stated by Applicant (page 2, second paragraph). Cherukuri disclose taste masked pharmaceutical compositions containing analgesics,